the wastrels of Paris! I will write to Joseph, he will get me a divorce.

18th. The artillery is having great difficulties owing to the quicksands, and the army is so placed that the least delay may be fatal.

The capture of El Arych makes a good beginning for the campaign.

26th, Gaza:

We are in water and mud up to our knees; the cold and weather are just what we get at Paris at this season. The country is finer than we supposed, and we have unexpectedly found stores of provisions and war material, including many cannon-balls of European make.

(To General Marmont.) Send the three ships to Jaffa; their cargoes may help us in besieging St. John of Acre.

(To General Menou.) I have learned with pleasure that you have been attending worship in the mosque.

27th. We crossed 70 leagues of desert with much fatigue; the water was brackish, when there was any. We eat dogs, donkeys, and camels.

March 6th, in front of Jaffa:

At eight o'clock to-morrow morning Delignette's battery will open. General Bon will support the mortar battery. General Lannes will place six companies of grenadiers at the breachiner batterv before HavliP-ht.. Whpn